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Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

The Beaverton Police Department will be participating in a national traffic safety campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers beginning Saturday, August 17 and end on Labor Day September 3, 2012.

During this time the Beaverton Police Department will have officers out on focused patrols for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and educate the motoring public.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please think about this before you operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol.

Impaired driving is not an accident; it is an intentional and willing act that you have control over.

The Facts...

All 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have made it illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

- Despite these laws, 10,228 people nationwide were killed during 2010 in motor vehicle traffic crashes involving drivers or motorcycle riders with a BAC of .08 or higher.
- Alcohol-impaired (.08 BAC or higher) crash fatalities accounted for 31 percent of all motor vehicle crash fatalities during 2010 – or an average of one fatality every 51 minutes.
- Over Labor Day weekend in 2010, 147 people were killed in crashes involving drivers or motorcycle riders with a BAC of .08 or higher.
- Eighty percent of fatalities in alcohol impaired driving crashes over the 2010 Labor Day weekend occurred between the hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m.
- Over Labor Day weekend in 2010, 53 percent of the drivers or motorcycle riders killed who had BACs of .08 or higher in the fatal crashes - were 18 to 34 years old.

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